

CLAIMS:

1. A method of reading out an electronic image sensor (1) that is subdivided into image points and wherefrom image points or groups of image points can be read out with a predetermined clock period,

5 characterized in that there are at least two quantities of image points and/or groups of image points whose elements are read out at a different scanning rate.

2. A method as claimed in claim 1,

characterized in that the image points are grouped so as to form lines of a two-dimensional image and that the lines that belong to a quantity are all read out at a uniform scanning rate.

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3. A method as claimed in claim 2,

characterized in that the lines of image points of the image are alternately assigned to at least two quantities with different scanning rates.

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4. A method as claimed in at least one of the claims 1 to 3,

characterized in that the quantities of image points and/or groups of image points overlap at least in a region of the image surface.

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5. A method as claimed in at least one of the claims 1 to 4,

characterized in that the further processing of the signals from image points read out, notably their amplification, is performed in dependence on the relevant scanning rate of the image points.

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6. A method as claimed in at least one of the claims 1 to 5,

characterized in that the image sensor is sensitive to X-rays.

7. A method as claimed in at least one of the claims 1 to 6,

characterized in that the image points and/or the groups of image points that are read out at a lower scanning rate are irradiated with a lower intensity.

8. A device for reading out an electronic image sensor (1) that is subdivided into image points and is provided with an addressing unit for selecting the image points and/or groups of image points to be read out within one clock period as well as with a reading unit
5 for reading out the selected and addressed image points and/or groups of image points, characterized in that the addressing unit is arranged in such a manner that it selects the addressable image points and/or groups of image points at a different scanning rate.

10 9. A device as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that it is arranged in such a manner that it is capable of carrying out a method as claimed in at least one of the claims 1 to 7.

15 10. A device as claimed in claim 8 or 9, characterized in that the reading unit is arranged in such a manner that it bases the processing, notably the signal amplification, on the scanning rate at which the relevant image points and/or groups of image points are addressed.